



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner : Thuan D. Dang  
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Title : METHOD FOR CONVERTING  
: AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS

Customer No.: 35811

Docket No.: 1197-00

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Dated: December 2, 2004

**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 2, 2004 from November 2, 2004 to December 2, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$110 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

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